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MAIN POLICE FORCES LEAVE

Withdrawal From Lau Fau Shan Carried Out

Floods In Kwangtung

Canton, May 6.
Over 200 people were made homeless and over 50 houses washed away by floods which smashed a dyke near Kukong or Shaokwan, North Kwangtung, according to arrivals here today.
More than 1,000 mou of rice fields were under flood on May 3 and highway communications were disrupted.
There was heavy rain along the North River during the early part of the week, but the flood is now subsiding. — Associated Press.

Students Stirred On Aid To Japs

Shanghai, May 6.
Student circles here are preparing a nationwide protest campaign against the large-scale American aid to Japan, according to the China Press today.
A resolution to start such a movement was adopted by students attending a camp fire rally at the National Chingtung University on Tuesday evening.
Publicity units will be formed to make speeches at public places in order to bring home to the people the danger of restoring Japan to her pre-war status through American aid.
Professor Meng Hsien-chang, of the Central University of Shanghai, recently addressed a student gathering on the question of American aid to Japan, and the talk is said to have made a deep impression on the students.
The Student Federation is contacting all universities and schools throughout the country for co-ordinated action. — Reuter.

TROUBLE ON WEST RIVER

Canton, May 6.
Curfew and alert are in force in the county seats of Tuenghing, Tsehsing, Loting, Fengchuan and Shaoching on the West River, as a result of bandit activity.
The independent paper Chin Kuo Jui Pao said a unit of the self-defence corps in Loting rebelled with the intention of joining the brigands but were checked by the Loyallists.
It was reported that bandits from Huabien and Shunyi in southwestern Kwangtung are moving toward the West River basin with Tsehsing and Szeang, richest areas in the province, as their objectives. — Associated Press.

London Centre For H.K. Students

Preparations are in progress for setting up a centre in London for Colonial students from the Far East, Mr. J. L. Keith, Director of Colonial Students, disclosed at a press conference yesterday.

He said that the centre would provide among other amenities, a club-house and a dormitory for temporary lodging. He hoped that Far East Colonial Governments would make monetary contributions towards the centre.
Mr. Keith said that of the 3,000 Colonial students in England, 250 were from the Far East, including

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Captive Cousin Of Pirate Chief

The withdrawal of the main Police forces from Lau Fau Shan yesterday, the finding of a bandolier containing 44 Japanese-type rifle cartridges, and the discovery that the wounded woman pirate is a cousin and one of the chief lieutenants of the pirate chief Tam Mui, were the only developments in the Deep Bay situation yesterday.
Realising that the thick undergrowth and 70-foot deep ravines scattered along the hill form effective hiding places for the pirates, the Police have decided to withdraw their main forces from the hill to Pak Mai (at the foot) and Lau Fau village across the bay.

Small patrols, equipped with portable communication sets and heavily armed, were still conducting searches in Lau Fau Shan, while a Police launch was on duty in Deep Bay to cut off the trapped men's retreat to Chinese territory.
On Wednesday evening, a Police party found a bandolier with 44 cartridges in a bush on the bank of Pak Mai. The opinion was generally held that this structure was used by the gang whose abortive attempt to pirate Lau Kwan's junk on Tuesday morning led to the intensive hunt of the last two days. The Police were combing this beach yesterday for the missing outboard motor taken from the junk.

With the capture of the 34-year-old woman pirate on Tuesday, who claimed to be a cousin and one of the lieutenants of Tam Mui, the pirate chief, the Police are optimistic of soon having him himself in their clutches.

Difficult Job

One of the officers expressed the opinion that that buccannery would be taken out of circulation within a fortnight.
According to the latest information, the woman was successfully operated upon and is progressing favourably.
Residents of Ha Chuen and Lau Fau villages, in conversation with the "China Mail," expressed the belief that it would be most difficult to dislodge the pirates from their strongholds at Lau Fau Shan.

Modern Arsenal

Some of the villagers recalled the days of the Occupation when the Japanese mobilised a strong land force, assisted by the navy and air force, in an attempt to dislodge Tam's predecessors.
The pirates, they said, laid low during the daytime and only appeared at night to snipe at the invaders.

Hanoi Train Blown Up

Paris, May 6.
The Hanoi to Haiphong train was blown up by a mine today, the French Press Agency reported here tonight.
One passenger was injured. Three wagons were damaged. The agency said Indo-Chinese Nationalists were believed to have mined the line. This is the second time in five days that the train has been blown up. — Reuter.

General Ho Declines Post

Nanking, May 6.
General Ho Ying-chin has declined for reasons of ill health to accept the Premiership of China's new Constitutional Government.

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He has told Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek this officially, these persons told the Associated Press.

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U.S. ADMIRAL IN CANTON

Canton, May 6.
Vice-Admiral Badger, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. West Pacific Fleet, and concurrently Commander of the United States Naval Force at Tsingtao, is visiting Canton around the middle of May, according to a Chinese press report.

The report added that if the Admiral has the time at his disposal he may visit Hainan Island, off the southern coast of Kwangtung Province.

Hainan Island has been mentioned by the local press as a possible American base in South China. — Reuter.

JOHN GALVIN

Tokyo, May 6.
John Galvin, former Hong Kong Government Trade representative in Tokyo, who suffered a heart attack while on a world cruise, was reported by the hospital authorities to be in an improved condition.

Earlier, rumours circulated in the Colony that Mr. Galvin had died. — United Press.

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Britain's Setting Records

London, May 6.
A series of records in industrial output and in exports in the first three months of this year was announced by Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who directs the nation's production and export drive, today.

But he added a warning that the task of reaching production targets would become harder in the second half of the year, and disclosed that the "outstanding deficiency" so far was coal.

Provisional estimates showed that Britain's production last February was higher than at any time since the war. It was 24 per cent above the 1946 average, Sir Stafford said.

The Chancellor said that the volume of British exports in the first quarter of this year was 20 per cent higher than in 1936.

Comparing actual figures with those in the Government's economic budget, Sir Stafford said that exports in the first quarter were at the monthly rate of £117 million sterling above the estimates.



Mr. C. d'Almeida, Registrar of the Supreme Court, who presided at yesterday's Election for an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, in discussion with three members of the Hong Kong Council of Women, who were desirous of handing in votes by proxy. ("China Mail" Photo)

Women's Effort To Vote By Proxy

In spite of a radio broadcast and a press announcement that votes by proxy at yesterday's Election for an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council would not be accepted, three members of the Hong Kong Council of Women attended to record votes by proxy.

The voting slips were not accepted, however, but only received as a matter of record and not placed in the ballot boxes.
The election, which was presided over by Mr. C. d'Almeida, Registrar of the Supreme Court, assisted by Miss Egan, passed off smoothly.

The two candidates for the Legislative Council seat, vacated by Mr. M.M. Watson, who is on leave, were Mr. N.O.C. Marsh, resident partner of Messrs. MacKinnon, Mackenzie & Company.

Mr. Marsh was proposed by the Hon. Mr. D.F. Landale, the Hon. Mr. R.D. Gillespie, the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almeida, K.C., the Hon. Mr. M.K. Lo, the Hon. Mr. S.N. Chiu and Mr. D. Benson.

Mr. Marsh was proposed by Nancy Kwok and Alice Kwok. The first Unofficial Justice of the Peace to record his vote was Mr. Li Sing-kul.

Interviewed by the "China Mail" after they had left the "election booth," a member of the Hong Kong Council of Women said that 22 voting slips had been handed in and accepted as a matter of record. In view of the radio broadcast and press announcement it was believed that many of those who had intended to vote by proxy had since attended to record their votes in person.

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Warships For China

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China Dollar Crisis:

BANKERS' PLEA FOR REFORM

Shanghai, May 6.
Shanghai's financial leaders today submitted a petition to the Ministry of Finance for a change in the Government's foreign exchange control policy as the Chinese dollar slumped to a new low of CN\$1,120,000 per one United States dollar.

Suggestions were drafted at a meeting held by representatives of Chinese and foreign banks, the latter including the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, the National City Bank, Chase Bank, Mercantile Bank and Chartered Bank.

It was pointed out at the meeting that the present official open market rate (CN\$324,000 per one U.S. dollar), in force one month now, was far too unrealistic to correspond with "actual conditions."

The bankers agreed that in the past the difference between the open market rate and "actual conditions" has been from 60 to 100 per cent but at present the discrepancy has risen to over 200 per cent.

Reforms Needed.
This has brought the export trade to a standstill. The bankers feared that a collapse was imminent if the present policy is carried on and expressed the view that the control of foreign exchange has proved completely unsatisfactory.

They expressed the conviction that only "radical reforms" could save the situation. The reforms, it was said, should consist of loosening exchange control in order to stimulate the import and export trade.

Individual suggestions put forward at the meeting included the total abolition of foreign exchange control for imports and exports and partial freeing of trade from control.

Informed quarters here, meanwhile, were certain that a change in the Government's foreign exchange policy was "only a matter of time," pending the completion of the present Government reshuffle.

Plunge Continues

Quarters close to the exchange equalisation board explained that the open market rates have not been changed in the past month in view of the present political events in Nanking and the board feared that a revision at this time would have been severely criticised.

The Chinese currency continued its downward flight today mainly owing to the current uncertain political situation.

While the black market rate for United States dollars rose CN\$120,000 in the past 24 hours

Women Agents Who Died

London, May 6.
The names of 12 women secret agents killed by the Germans during the war are disclosed for the first time in the memorial tablet of the Women's Transport Service which Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, the Commandant, will unveil at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, on Friday.

There are 52 names on the tablet.

Relatives of Viollette Szabo, G.C., whose name is on the tablet, total abolition of foreign exchange control for imports and exports and partial freeing of trade from control.

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MANILA HOLDS CHINESE

Manila, May 6.
Three Chinese were held today for questioning by National Bureau of Investigation men for an alleged attempt to smuggle gold from the Philippines.

The authorities found gold bars, valued at 18,000 pesos, cleverly hidden in an auto destined to be shipped to China. The Chinese held were Ernesto Ting, Tin Lon and Tan Teek Eng—the latter a member of the crew of the ss Taiping. — United Press.

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SERIOUS WARNING GIVEN Arab League Countries' Threat To Palestine Mr. Bevin Makes A Statement

London, May 5.
Britain's Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, said today that Britain has "very seriously warned" countries of the Arab League against actions in Palestine which might result in clashes with British forces.

Asked in the House of Commons if he is aware that Arab League members including Transjordan "have declared they will invade Palestine" and what steps are being taken, Mr. Bevin declared in a written reply, "My attention has been drawn to reports to this effect. I have very seriously warned the governments concerned against taking any action which would risk bringing them into conflict with the mandatory power."

Mr. Bevin did not elaborate. In answer to another question this afternoon, Arthur Henderson, Secretary for Air, reported that Spitfires have been used by British forces in Palestine on at least one occasion.

On April 28, Mr. Henderson said in a written reply, four Spitfires attacked a stronghold in the Jaffa area which was being used by Jewish forces making an assault on the Arab City.

BUSINESS WRECKED

Shanghai, May 6.
Multi-millionaire Aw Boon haw said at Taipei, Taiwan, that World War II has wrecked most of his business enterprises.

Only 30 per cent of them has been rehabilitated so far, according to a Central News dispatch.

Aw said he would consider investments in development of Taiwan following a tour of the island.—Associated Press.

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Palestine Plebiscite Now Suggested

New York May 5.
Cuba called today for a Palestine plebiscite if warring Jews and Arabs cannot agree on the future of the Holy Land.

The suggestion was made by Cuban Ambassador Guillermo Belt at the first closed meeting of the 12-nation United Nations sub-committee.

The group was created on Tuesday to try to work out a solution of the Palestine problem. Belt, who voted last November against the U.N. scheme to partition Palestine, told the sub-committee it should find a way to set up a provisional regime for Palestine before May 15, Britain has declared she will relinquish her mandate over the Holy Land on that date.

This regime, he said, should restore order. It should call on Arabs and Jews to agree on a free independent state in Palestine.

If the Jews and Arabs do not agree within a time limit not yet fixed, Belt added, the U.N. regime should hold a plebiscite.

Speeding Up

The idea of a single independent country in Palestine has been advanced by the Arabs but just received little support from the delegates. The Jews have announced plans to proclaim a Jewish action when the mandate ends.

Professor Philip Jessup, U.S. deputy on the sub-committee, and

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Harold Wilson's Proud Boast

London, May 5.
Mr. Harold Wilson, 32-year-old President of the Board of Trade, claimed here publicly today that he was "probably the only one of His Majesty's Ministers who has drunk a Soviet Minister under the table." He did not name the Russian.

Mr. Wilson, who conducted last week's successful trade negotiations in Moscow, was speaking at a luncheon at the British Industries Fair.—Reuter.

RADIO

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
2.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
2.45 p.m.—Children's Half Hour: Songs with the Boys and Girls presented by Donald Fraser (Studio).
3.00 p.m.—"One Night Stand" presented by Philip Ross (Studio).
3.15 p.m.—"Ambrose and Anne" Anne Shelton and Ambrose and His Orchestra. (B.B.C.T.B.).
3.30 p.m.—Thakowsky: "A Russian's Wedding"—Ballet. London Philharmonic.
3.45 p.m.—Interlude.
4.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
4.15 p.m.—"Gilbert and Sullivan"—Introductory Talk by Sir Malcolm Sargent. The Story of a Great Partnership. Episode "The First Meeting" (B.B.C.T.B.).
4.30 p.m.—Popular Classics.
4.45 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
5.00 p.m.—Weather Report.
5.15 p.m.—Interlude.
5.30 p.m.—Verdi's Opera "Aida" Act 1 with Principals, Chorus and Orchestra from La Scala, Opera.
5.45 p.m.—Radio Newswear (London Relay).
6.00 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

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RISK ONE TO GAIN TWO

When the contract itself is at stake, it always pays to risk the loss of an otherwise apparently sure trick for a chance to take two in exchange. That applies with striking effect to a defender who wishes a particular suit led to him by his partner. It is sound defense in many such cases for him to lead a small card away from a suit in which he holds the ace, even if he sees a singleton in the dummy and knows he will doom his side to getting no trick in the suit unless his partner has the king.

H. Q 10 9 4 2
D. K 9 8 6 3
C. J 10
S. A 8 7 6 5
H. 6 3
D. None
C. A K Q
9 3 2
S. Q 10 2
H. A K 7 5
D. A J 7 4 2
C. 6

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable).

South West North East
1 D 2 D 3 C
2 H 3 S 4 H 4 S
5 H Dbl

It required rather funny bidding for South instead of North to be the declarer with that deal played in a heart contract. But then North had quite a long-winded explanation for his first round support of diamonds in place of bidding the hearts.

West made his most "natural" lead of the club K and, when he saw East's discouraging 4, knew that suggested a switch to the other black suit which his partner had supported. He did it by laying down the spade A. When East gave him the 3 on that, he decided to return to the originally 1-4 suit, clubs, sending forth the

South then made merry. He ruffed that third trick, took out trumps in two rounds, then led a low diamond from his own hand because West had indicated a lot of black cards with his bidding which marked East as the main threat to diamonds. When West discarded a club, the K won, the J was finessed, the A felled the Q and the dummy was now established to make the contract.

West had his chance on the second trick. But lacked either the imagination or nerve to hazard it. All he had to do was lead a low spade instead of the A, hoping East had the K. He did, would have won with it and then would have returned a diamond for a ruff.

TOMORROW'S PROBLEM

S. Q 5
H. 10 9 8 7
D. A Q 10 7 3
C. 3 2
S. J 10
H. 6
D. K J 9 8 2
C. A Q 10
8 0
S. A 8 7 4
H. A K Q J 4
D. 4
C. K J

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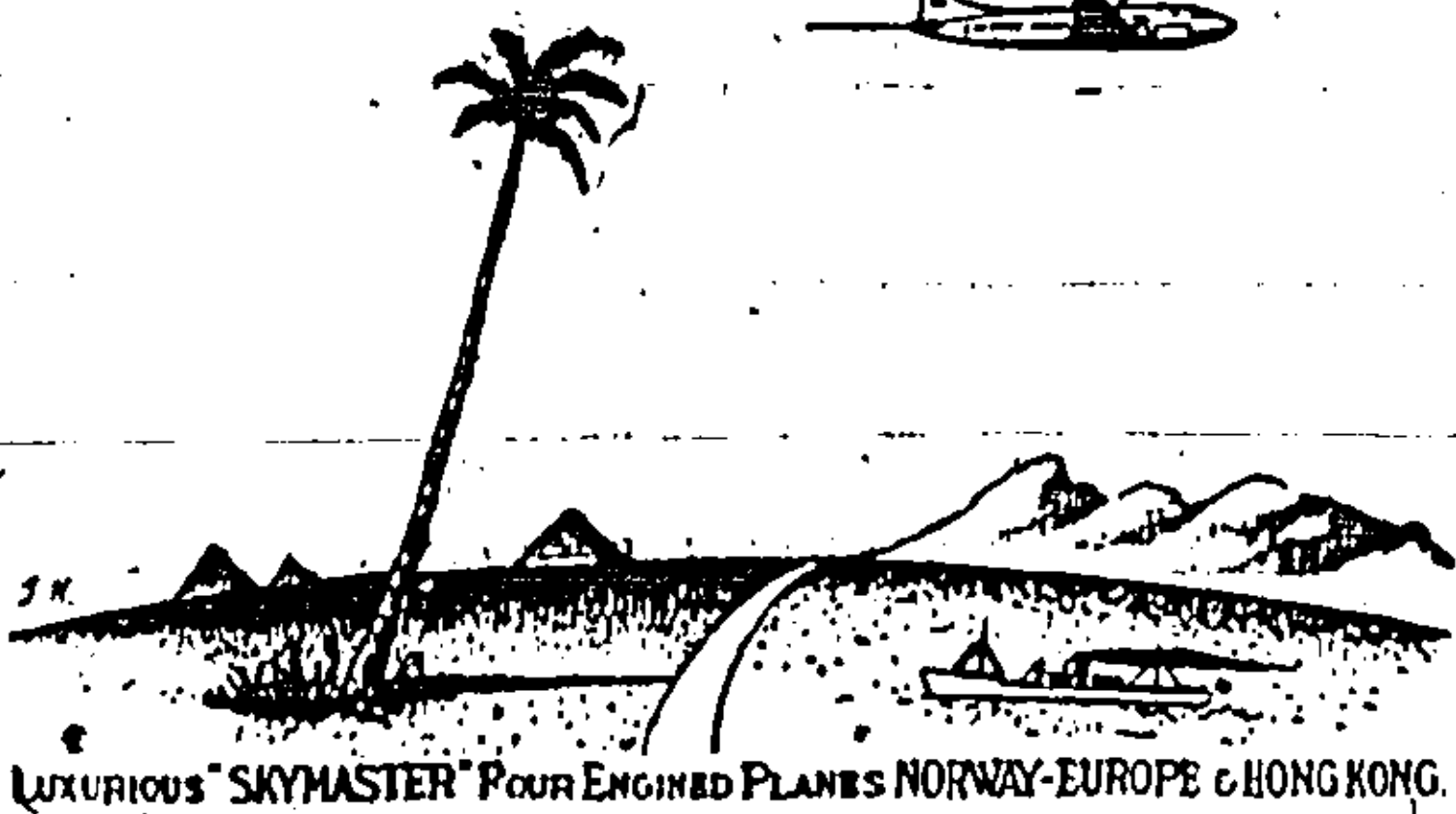
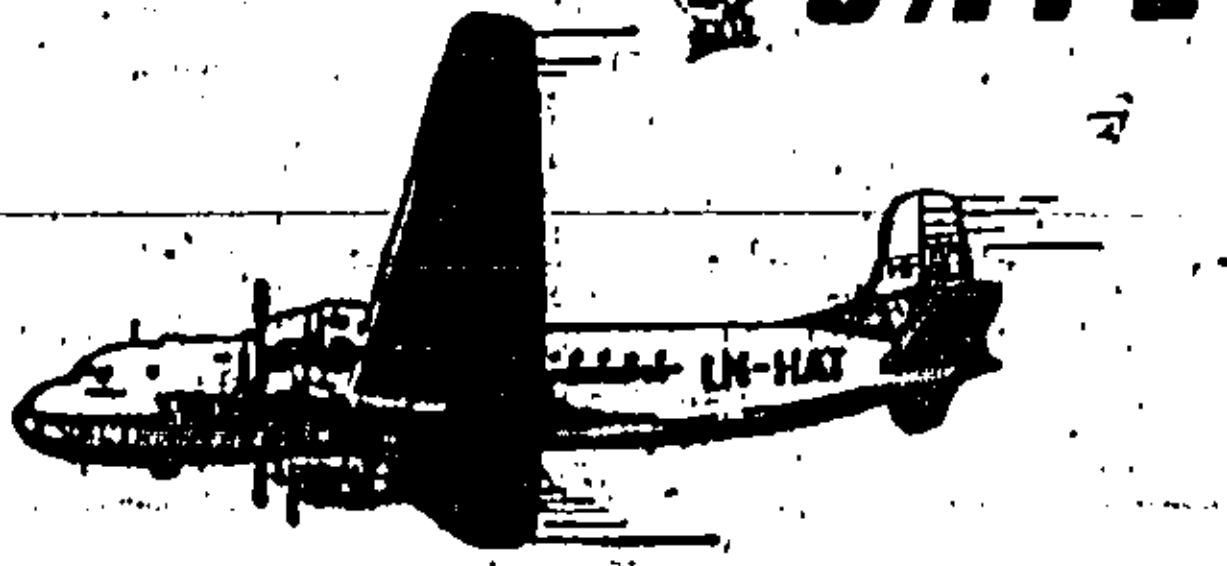
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Dangerous But Not Desperate

Anthony Eden's View Of International Outlook

Russia Risking An Overwhelming Calamity

London, May 5.

If the Russians persisted in their present methods—such as in Czechoslovakia and Berlin—"they would risk an overwhelming calamity for themselves and, alas, for the world", Mr. Anthony Eden, former Conservative Foreign Secretary and deputy Opposition leader, declared today.

Mr. Eden, who was opening the second and final day of a foreign affairs debate in the House of Commons, urged the holding of a conference of British Empire statesmen soon because of the "essential importance" of the Empire to the discussions on Western Union.

The international situation was very dangerous but not desperate, Mr. Eden said:

"When there is an effective world organisation, then regional arrangements can be a valuable buttress to the world organisation," he said. "But when the world organisation is not effective, then your regional arrangements, however good they may be, are only a second best."

"Mr. Eden thought it a misfortune for Europe that the British Government had discouraged its supporters from attending this week-end's Congress of the League of Nations because it regarded the Congress as unrepresentative."

"Surely if we think we are going to be able to unite Europe, it is a little unfortunate that we cannot even unite ourselves on an occasion when we all happen to agree."

In the present state of the world, there could be no more direct contribution to the maintenance of peace than the recovery of prosperity and with it the international authority of the Western European nations.

Profound Error

Speaking about Russia, Mr. Eden said: "Do the men of the Kremlin really believe that the Western way of life is doomed? If the Soviet Government do not believe this, it is surely running great risks of hazarding peace in acting as they do."

"Must Soviet foreign policy continue to be based on this profound error of judgment? 'Could not the Soviet Government rid themselves of this obsession about war?'"

"No one has the right to say that war is inevitable."

"Successful negotiations can be conducted with the Soviets but only on the basis of strength—when the Soviet Government itself learns that neither by sapling or mining, neither by abuse nor sabotage, can it force the Western peoples to change their way of life."

Apprehension?

"I believe there are men in the Kremlin far-seeing enough to understand this."

"There are great strains and stresses in the Soviet economy. That must be inevitable after the supreme effort that Soviet Russia made in the last war, and after the wide devastation that the German armies caused."

"But it is really necessary, in order to explain these problems to the Soviet people, to pour out this daily barrage of abuse of the Western powers and their representatives, and to pretend that we are antagonistic to the recovery of the Soviet Union?"

Mr. Eden continued: "Maybe it is apprehension of the consequence of contact with the West that is the cause of the clear determination of the Soviet Union to break all these contacts."

Sincere Desire

"In all these projects we are now considering for strengthening the Western nations, there is no provocation, no menace of war."

Mr. Eden said there was a sincere desire for improved relations with the Soviet Union "but an absolute refusal to seek such an improvement by courses of weak appeasement which would fail to realise and recognise the real facts and forces which are at work."

For the Russians to persist in their present methods—"the same methods as they have recently been employing in Czechoslovakia and Berlin"—was an overwhelming calamity for themselves and, alas, an overwhelming calamity for the world."

If war comes, it will be because someone "chances his arm" too far, the Prime Minister, Mr. C. R. Attlee, said. There was "nothing aggressive" whatever in regional agreements such as the five-power Western Union, he added.

Eastern Europe had had such agreements and there was no reason why the West should not.

Brooch With Soviet

"There is scope within the United Nations for reaching agreement on defence."

"We need a Western Union," Britain could not apply herself solely to one Continent.

Replying to a call for closer Empire cooperation made earlier in the debate by Mr. Eden, Mr. Attlee said: "There is no reluctance whatever on the part of the Government to have a full Commonwealth Conference."

"We are planning to have one as soon as we can."

The Premier declared that he wanted the most friendly relations with the Soviet Union, "but we have to recognise that their views are not our views and that there is a breach in the general sense of values in European civilisation."

New Conception Needed

"For a union of Europe, there must be a common basis of common values."

"We want a new conception of sovereignty in the world and we have got to work towards it. The question is what is the best way of working towards some federation."

Rejecting a suggestion that a European Constituent Assembly should be summoned, he said he thought they were approaching the right way today—"by dealing with practical matters in a practical way."

The Prime Minister, deprecating talk of the inevitability of war, said it was utterly wrong and dangerous and he did not believe it.

"Nor do I believe there are any people who want war," he said.

Federation

The basis of a common acceptance of moral values and the common basis of the belief in democracy gave unity to Western civilisation, Mr. Attlee said.

The question was how far one could go in implementing a Western Union now. "I believe that ultimately we must come to a federation of Europe."

The Prime Minister said he did not believe "we can do that (working towards a federation of Europe) by summoning a"

Utterly Wrong And Dangerous

London, May 5.

Prime Minister Clement Attlee said today that talk of war as inevitable was "utterly wrong and dangerous."

Intervening in a House of Commons Foreign Affairs debate, the Prime Minister agreed with Anthony Eden, Deputy Conservative Party leader, who had declared earlier that "no one has the right to say that war is inevitable."—Associated Press.

Constituent Assembly and discussing these matters in the abstract."

Problems in the social and economic field were being approached in a "very practical spirit and a spirit of urgency," Mr. Attlee stated.

Great Empire

The Government was not prepared to agree with all the propositions of the motion on European union signed by 101 Members of all parties.

All these propositions were not immediately practicable, he said. The Government would "heartily agree" that the idea which underlay the suggestion for a federation of Western Europe, and ultimately of the world, was one towards which to work.

Some of the suggestions in the motion seemed to indicate that Britain might get closer to Western Europe than the Commonwealth.

"I want to get as close to the others as possible by all means, but we have to remember we are not solely a European power but a great Commonwealth and Empire," Mr. Attlee said.

Replying to criticism that the Government had refused to take part in the Congress of Europe at The Hague, Mr. Attlee said it was not an affair of the Government's.

The House of Commons did not vote on the motion on European Union. It had been put down merely as a basis for discussion.—Reuter.

Ziliacus On U.S. Power Politics

London, May 5.

Mr. Konni-Ziliacus, one of the Labour Members who signed the "Nenni" telegram, said in the foreign affairs debate in the Commons that the political consequences of basing the Western Union on American power politics and an anti-Communism, as advocated by Mr. Winston Churchill, was to foster Fascism and not democracy.

Far East Marshall Aid Plan

Shanghai, May 5.

Preparation of the Asiatic Marshall Plan is not the job of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, which is concerned only with the task of detailing rehabilitation requirements of this region, Dr. P. Lekamathian, Indian Executive Secretary of the Commission, stated in an answer to a China Press question.

He pointed out that the Commission is working out the extent of rehabilitation, reconstruction and development needs in Far Eastern countries. It is drawing up a detailed estimate of the resources within the region and of the amount of foreign imports and supplies required for implementation of each country's industrial programme.

Dr. Lekamathian emphasised that the industrial working party of the Commission is not paving the way for the Marshall Plan in Asia. He underlined the fact that the Marshall Plan for Europe was not a plan at all but was an order on the part of the United States to help countries in Europe, providing they are prepared to help themselves.—Reuter.

Ex-Gratia War Damage Payments

London, May 5.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, is considering the extension of ex-gratia war damage payments to certain British subjects in the Far East not included in the present scheme who have returned to Britain.

Replying to questions in the House of Commons today, Mr. David Rees-Williams, Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, said:

"It was announced on Oct. 30, 1945 that British subjects who had been repatriated to this country after release from captivity in Far Eastern territories and who intended to remain here permanently would be eligible for consideration for ex-gratia grants for the purchase of furniture and household goods on the lines of, and within the limits of the free cover provided in the United Kingdom private chateaux scheme."

"The Colonial Secretary is now considering, in conjunction with the President of the Board of Trade, the extension of this scheme to other British subjects who have suffered hardship through losses of private chattels in occupied British territories in the Far East, and who have returned to this country and intend to remain here permanently."

"Neither under the existing scheme nor under this suggested extension would any distinction be drawn between Malayan and Hong Kong claims."—Reuter.

Did More To Revive KKK

Washington, May 6.

The decision by the United States Supreme Court yesterday that covenants that bar Negroes or other racial groups from an all-white neighbourhood were not legally enforceable, called forth these comments from two Mississippi Democrats today:

Mr. John Williams: "The decision did more to bring about a revival of the Ku Klux Klan in the United States than anything done in the last 40 years."

Mr. John Rankin: "There must have been a celebration in Moscow last night for the Communists won their greatest victory in the Supreme Court."

"White Christian Americans seem to have no rights left which the present Supreme Court feels bound to respect."—Reuter.

Deportation Of Non-Whites Condemned

Melbourne, May 6.

University students, at a meeting here today, condemned the action of Mr. Arthur Calwell, Immigration Minister, in deporting and threatening to deport non-white citizens.

Resolutions adopted said that such action was inconsistent with friendly relations with neighbouring countries and asked the Government to alter its policy, and make amends for the wrongs already done.

The students asked for assurances that married couples would not be broken up and that persons of long residence in Australia would have the right to remain.

Mr. Calwell recently ordered the deportation of Chinese wives of Australian citizens and an American Negro boxer, who had married an Australian woman and had a family here.—Reuter.

Press Controls Reduced

Berlin, May 5.

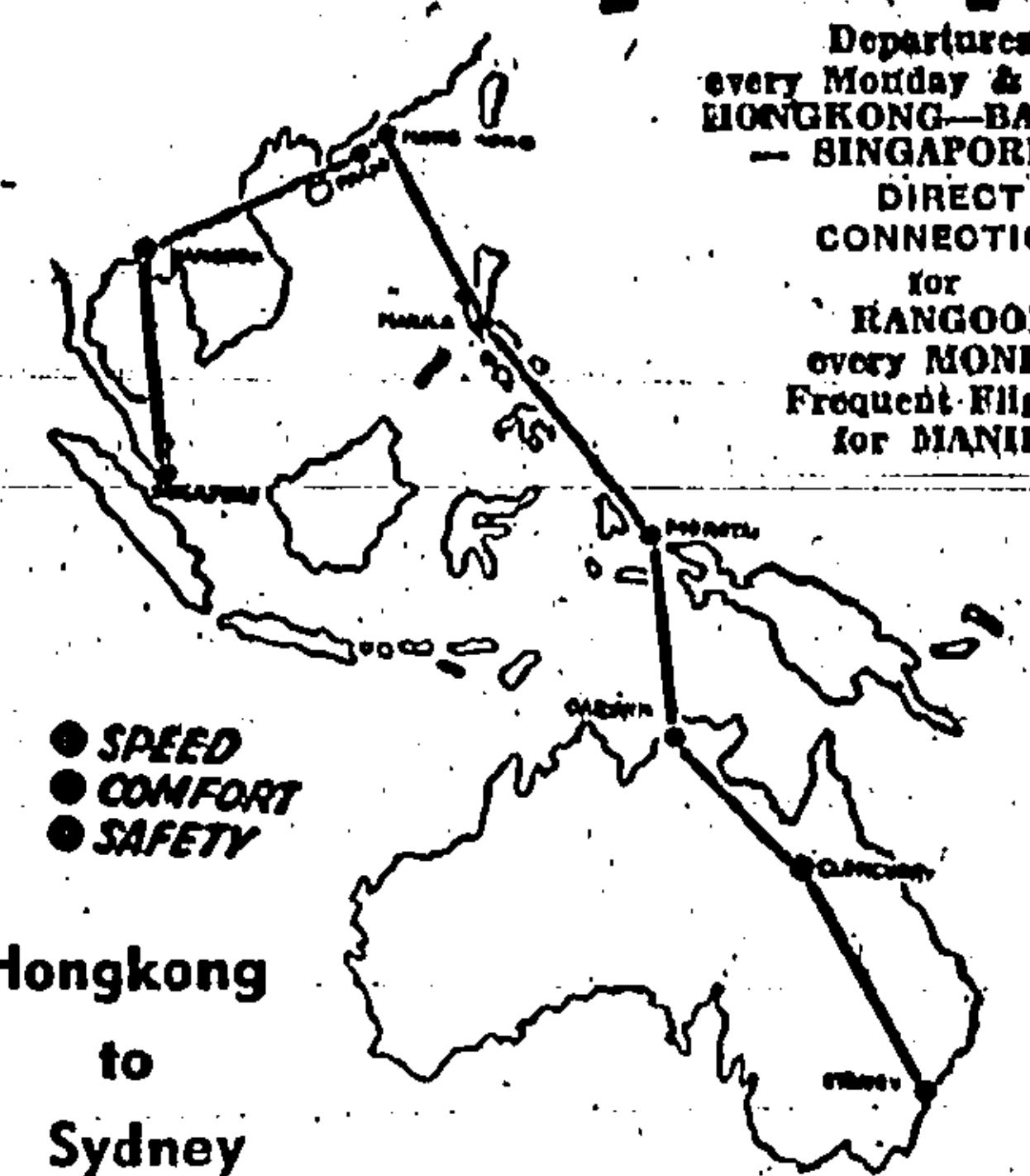
Following vigorous protests from correspondents, the British Control Commission for Germany today radically reduced its new press controls which would have seriously restricted newsgathering here.

The new code, introduced on Monday, required that all contact between Military Government officials and reporters must be arranged through the Control Commission's press branch.

A substitute order issued today permits Military Government officials to have direct contact with individual correspondents "for the normal exchange of non-confidential information without the intermediary of the press branch." This restores the rights correspondents have previously had.—Associated Press.

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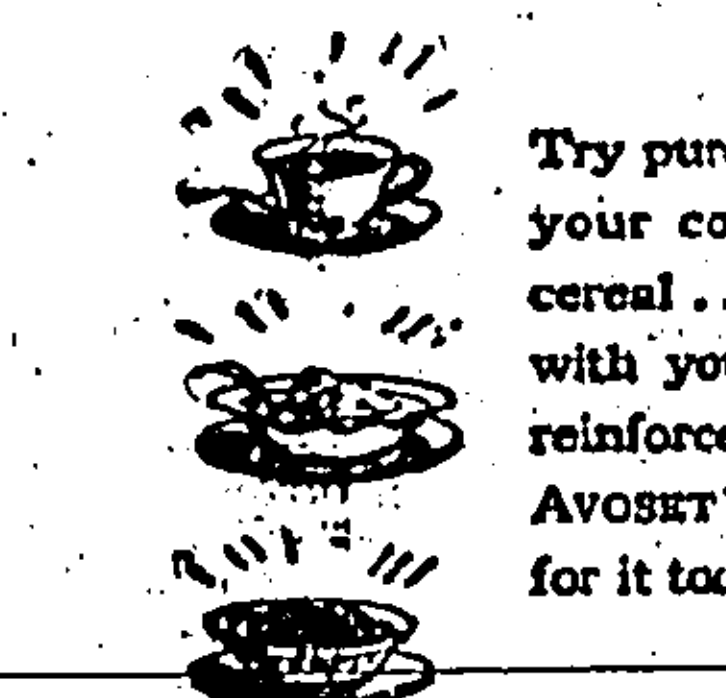
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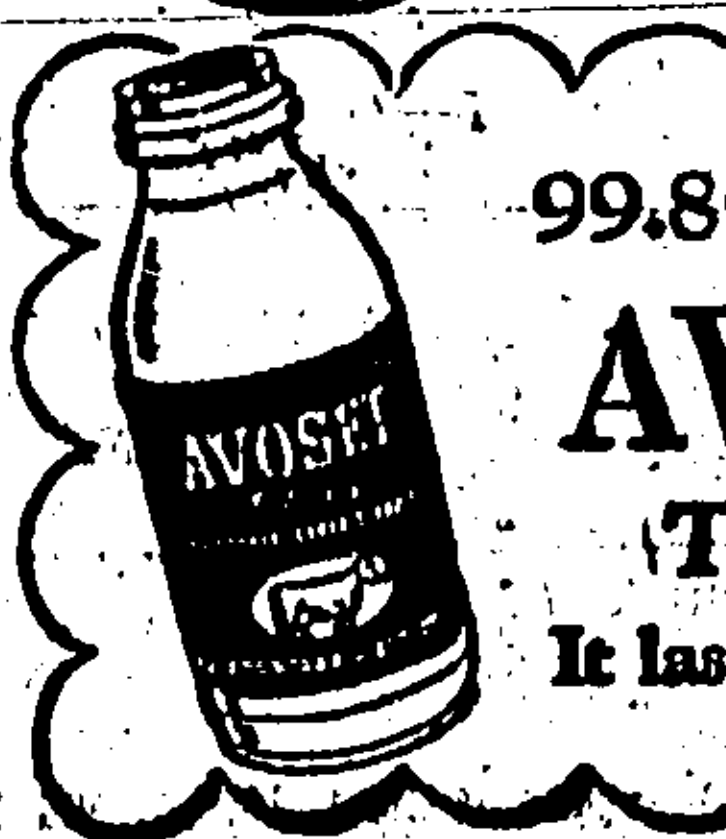
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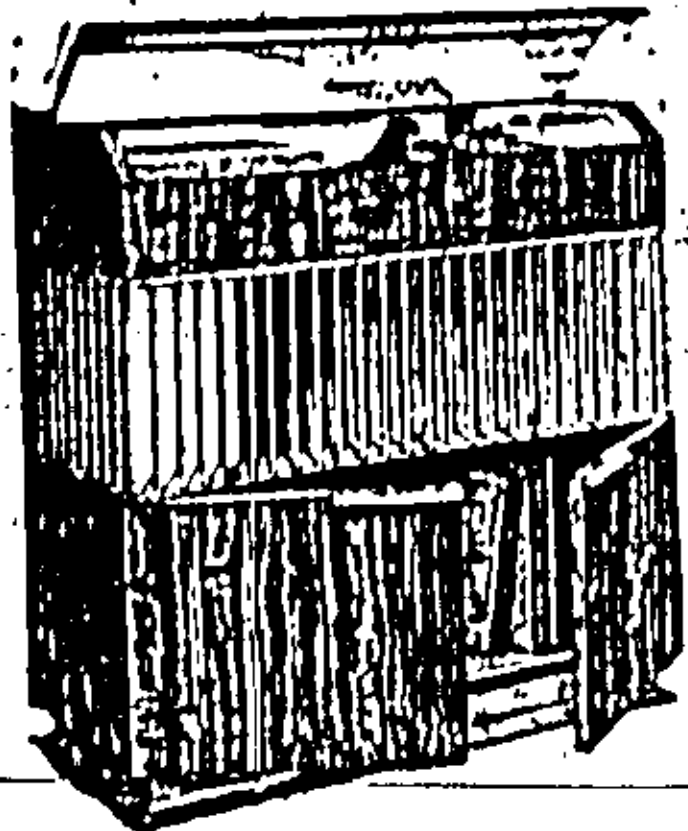
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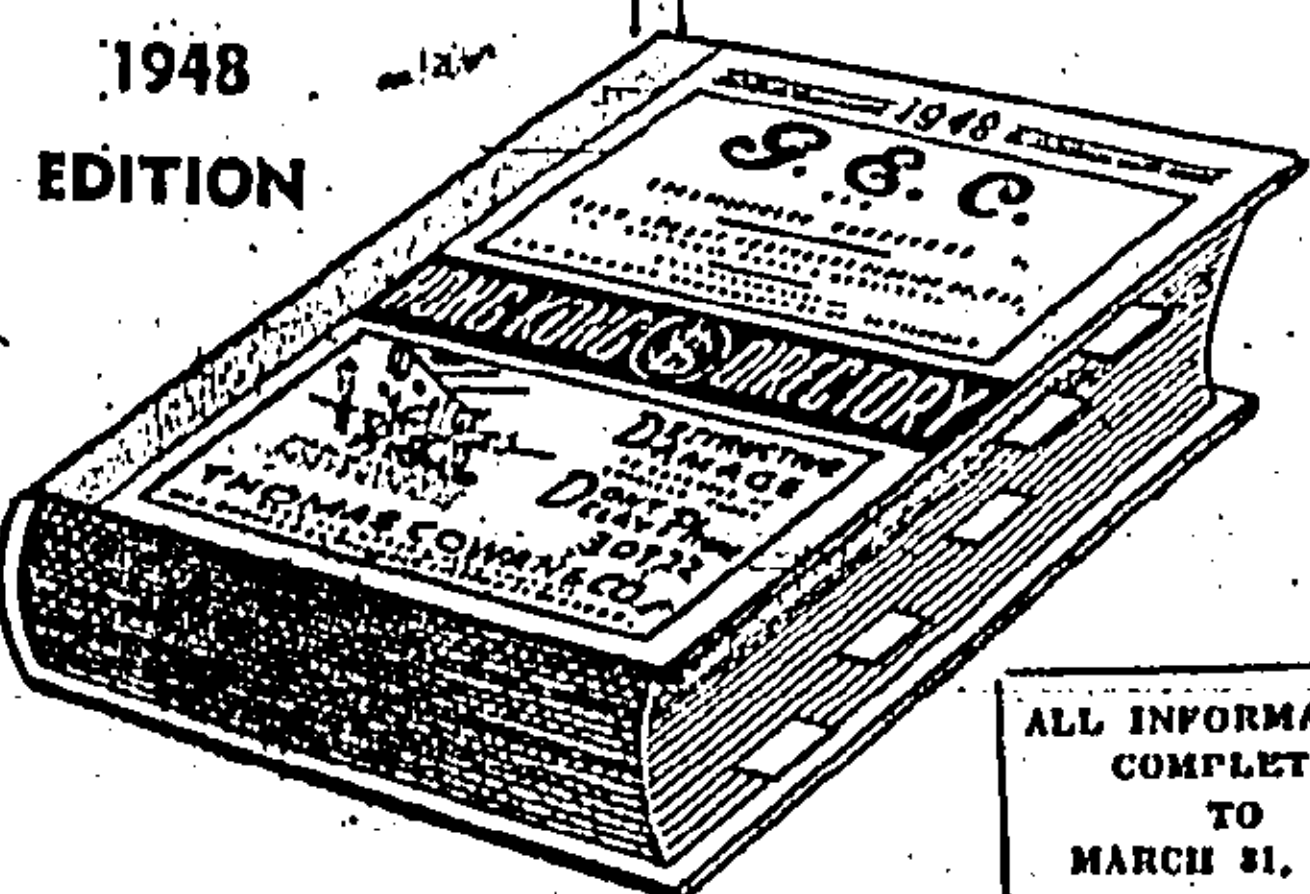
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FILM STARS SUFFER IN THE CAUSE OF ART

Not for a long time have so many actors been asked to go before the cameras as cripples. The roles are difficult, the physical handicaps painful, but the players seem to enjoy it.

Dana Andrews, Howard da Silva, J. Carroll Nash, Oscar Homolka, Everett Sloane and Ralph Morgan are a few of the current sufferers in the cause of art. But they love it, and for a good reason.

Ever since Lon Chaney portrayed a cripple 30 years ago in "The Miracle Man," movie actors and actresses have been enhancing their screen reputations by playing physically handicapped characters. Charles Laughton, in the title role of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," Lucille Ball, confined to a wheel chair in "The Big Street," Robert Young, disfigured and Herbert Marshall, blind for "The Enchanted Cottage," Charles Dickford, a blind painter in "A Woman on the Beach," Dickie Moore, deaf and dumb in "Out of the Past," Jane Wyman, also a deaf mute in "Johnny Belinda"—the list is long, indeed, over the years.

But never before have so many players suffered cinematic infirmities during the same brief period.

Blind Pianist

Of all the actors essaying this type of role, Dana Andrews has scored the greatest hit. His present role in "Night Song" is that of a blind young pianist-composer. There have been many supposed sightless characters on the screen in the past, but never one so blind as Andrews.

Going all out for authenticity, the producer of the film engaged a noted eye specialist to design contact lenses for the star, opaque of all things. As a result, the actor, once the lenses were fitted to his eyes, could distinguish only light and shadow as he went about the sound stage. Morrie Oberon, who plays Andrews' sweetheart in the story, has to be his "Seeing Eye" and leads him through all his trying scenes.

Furthermore, he has to play the piano, and he cannot read a note of music. Max Rubnowitch, noted concert pianist, took Andrews' hands in hand and taught the "blind" man some fingering that will probably fool every film fan who sees the tricky exhibition on the screen.

When a man is blind in both eyes, he attracts sympathy. When he's blind in only one eye, he's usually a villain. That truism applies forcefully just now to J. Carroll Nash and Howard da Silva.

In "Joan of Arc," Ingrid Bergman's pretentious technicolor picture being filmed by her own company, Nash plays "John of Luxembourg," a one-eyed rat who sells the Maid of Orleans to the English. Howard da Silva

goes beaming evilly through one eye in another film in the part of a vicious killer.

Audience-Sympathy

A fierce and deaf old Norwegian, sadly crippled, is Oscar Homolka, co-starring with Irene Dunne. With braces on both legs and using crutches Everett Sloane plays the polio victim husband of Rita Hayworth in "Lady From Shanghai." Also we find Ralph Morgan rolling around in a wheel-chair as he acts the part of a crippled rancher.

In another production Barbara Laage scores decisively as a blind young Dutch girl who has been a victim of German atrocity while in a concentration camp. There is no doubt that roles of this nature win audience appeal. Miss Laage, hitherto not very well known, has in this one brief role established herself as a splendid actress and is likely to make a name for herself in future important parts.

However, after seeing these films and the actors and actresses who simulate physical infirmities to win audience sympathy, I wonder if they give thought to two great personalities before the cameras, who are real victims of crippling illness.

I refer to gallant old Lionel Barrymore and courageous, beautiful young Susan Peters. A sufferer from arthritis for years, Mr. Barrymore now is compelled to play all his roles in a wheel-chair.

Susan Peters suffered an injury to her spine three years ago when she was accidentally shot while on a hunting trip near San Diego. Last month she returned to pictures as the wheel-chair star in "The Sign of the Ram," in which she ironically plays a victim of paralysis.



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Serving overseas during the First World War as an ambulance driver, he afterwards returned to America, bought himself a second-hand movie camera and, with but a slight technical knowledge about film making, attempted to earn a living turning out newsreels.

Following several false starts, Disney came to Hollywood and entered the infant cartoon industry. In a few years, with the help of the inimitable Mickey Mouse success was his, and since that time he has been recognized as the master of the animated cartoon field.

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It has longer runs than any other American picture. In London "The Best Years of Our Lives" ran for 55 weeks, in Sydney, Australia for 31 weeks. It has, say its exhibitors, lifted the prestige of American films in general.

It has also won two Grand Prizes at the International Film Festival in Brussels, and was voted the best picture shown during 1947 in Britain, Brazil and Canada. Realistically, however, "The Best Years of Our Lives" can definitely be chalked up as an "ever-green" among films.

Current Shows

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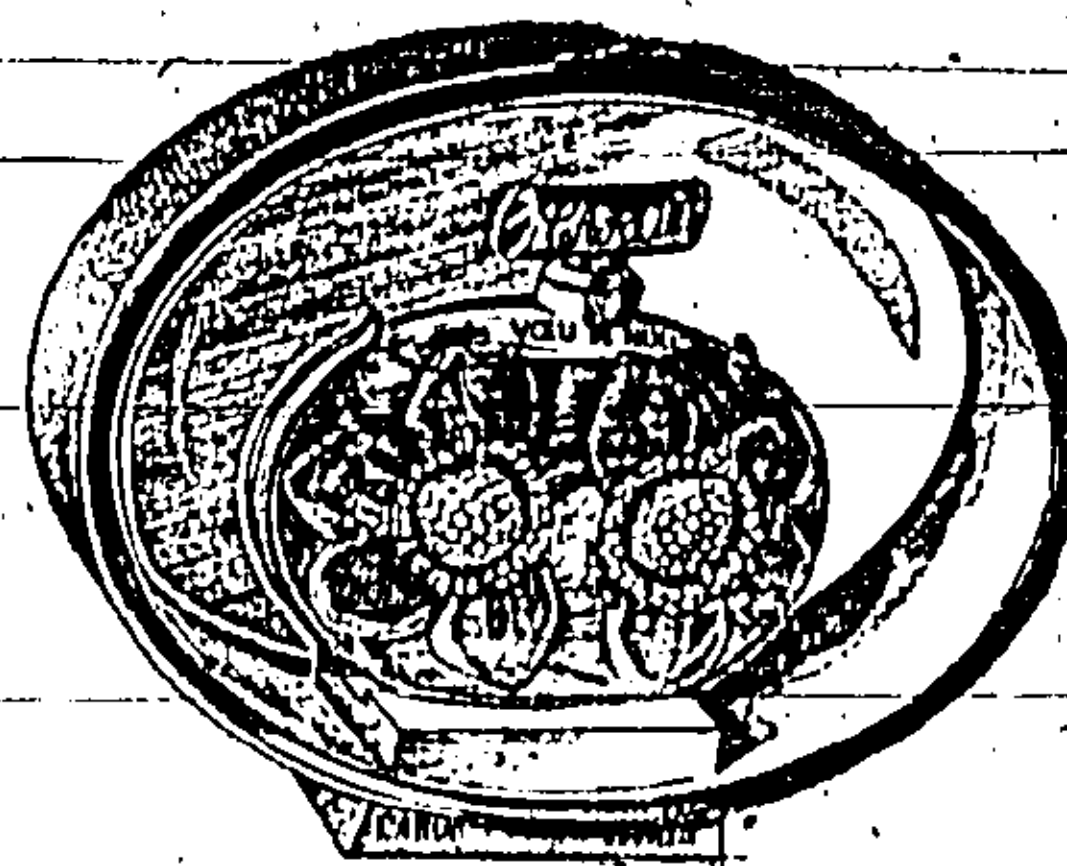
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London, May 5.

The British Medical Association tonight decided to advise the nation's 56,000 doctors to cooperate in the new "cradle to the grave" Health Service despite an unfavourable verdict on the scheme by a majority of its members.

The figures of the Association's plebiscite, the third since the Health plan was introduced by the Government, showed that 25,842 disapproved of the Act as it now stands against 14,620 in favour, a majority of 11,222.

On the question whether doctors should accept the service despite the objections, fewer voted and the majority against acceptance was smaller—12,709 were in favour and 13,891 against.

The latest poll was taken after the Minister of Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, had accepted amendments to the original Government scheme, safeguarding doctors against the establishment of a full-time State-salaried medical service without specific new legislation.

The plebiscite figures were considered by the Council of the Medical Association for nearly seven hours today.

It was explained that the decision to recommend cooperation was reached because the majority against it was less than 13,000—Reuter.

Fifty-Fifty Chance Of Solution

Southampton, May 5.

Sir John Boyd Orr, Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation, said last night that the world is paying too much attention to preparing for war and not enough to growing food.

Sir John said: "The whole race is rumbling on to destruction. There is only a fifty-fifty chance of getting over the food problem."

Returning from New York aboard the Queen Elizabeth, he said he gives a "final warning" to the world on the food situation before he retires on June 1. He said he would reveal facts which could not be disclosed in the United States.

Sir John said: "If the food problem is not solved there will be chaos in the world in the next 50 years. The nations of the world are insane. They are spending one-third of their national incomes in preparing for the next war. They are applying their energies to building up the war machine instead of applying the world steel and industrial production to conserving the resources of the land."

The Answer

He said Governments were not interested in eradicating erosion. "Their main interest is Communism versus private enterprise and the next election," he said.

Sir John said full stomachs are the answer to Communism but the United States cannot or will not understand this.

Don Iddon, writing in the Daily Mail today, quoted Sir John as saying: "America talks about Russian misuse of the veto but the United States herself has vetoed and therefore destroyed a world plan to feed the world."

"We had a blueprint and we are ready to go ahead. Then America said no. Only cooperation of all nations could fill people's stomachs but the United States was not having any."

"America is scared stiff not only of Communism but of Socialism. She is frightened to death and in this duel with Russia is making one mistake after another."

INDONESIAN AUSTERITY

Batavia, May 6.

The Government of the self-governing State of East Indonesia has planned an extensive austerity campaign in its departments after a deficit for 1948 of 100.2 million guilders (about £19 million), the Netherlands East Indies news agency said today.

Quoting a report from Macassar, Celebes, the agency said the draft budget submitted to the East Indonesian Parliament today disclosed that 24.5 million guilders (£2,300,000) of the deficit were for war rehabilitation.

—Reuter.

Hanover Food Ration Strike Spreads

Hanover, May 5.

The Hanover food ration strike, now involving over 60,000 workers, spread further today and the city will have neither newspapers nor tramcars tomorrow.

Some 33,000 metal workers, 15,000 chemical and paper workers, 12,000 builders and 2,000 workmen preparing the Hanover Trade Fair, are now out.

Two thousand printers for the city's five newspapers—with a circulation of over 800,000—and the tramway men are joining the strike tonight.

Post Office, electricity and gas workers will come out next Sunday.

Strike committees declare that the men will not go back until their demand for a bread ration in Lower Saxony equal to that in most other German states has been met and the over-due meat ration distributed.

Inadequate

The Lower Saxony bread ration was fixed at 7,000 grammes a month compared with 10,000 grammes in most other German states, on the ground that Lower Saxony had been backward in deliveries of food, especially potatoes and meat.

The strikers regard as inadequate a monthly increase of 500 grammes announced on Sunday.

The railways are not affected so far. More than 30,000 workers in the American Zone are out on strike tonight in protest against the poor distribution of the food ration.

The rash of stoppages, which began in 12 Nuremberg iron and steel plants, spread today to Mannheim, Kassel, Munich and smaller towns, and brought out groups ranging from actors to locomotive repairmen.

Footlights in at least two Munich theatres will be dark tonight as actors and technicians said that they would refuse to perform until they are granted special rations.—Reuter.

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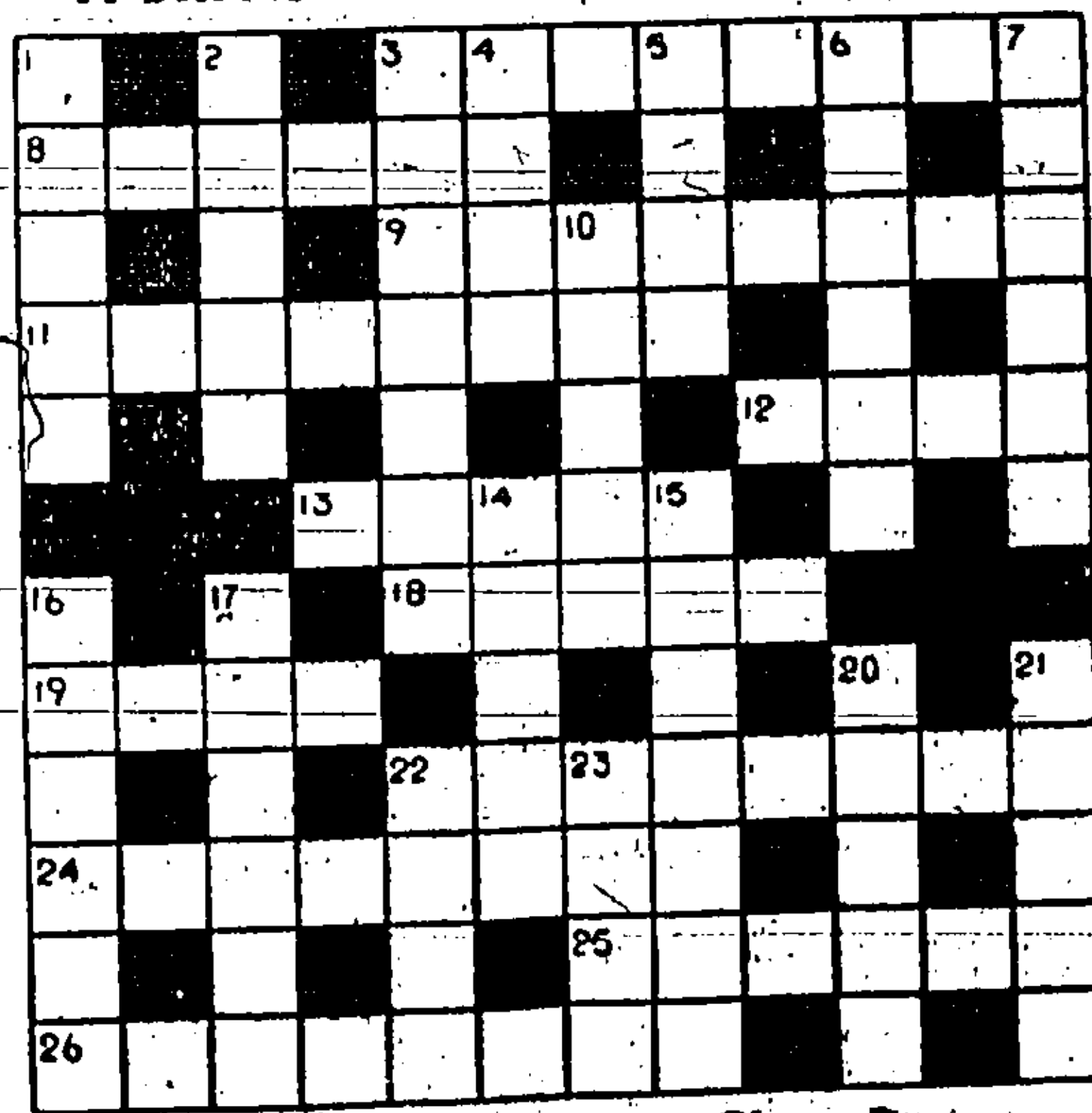
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- 13 Yesterday's Crossword

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- 1 Cabin.
- 2 Foe.
- 3 Grave.
- 4 Spoken.
- 5 Flower.
- 6 Gots up.
- 7 Warbles.
- 10 Lukewarm.
- 14 Mature.
- 15 Ordained.
- 16 Lucky charm.
- 17 Gin.
- 20 On the move.
- 21 Obtuse.
- 22 Ceremony.
- 23 Unadulterated.

Across—3 Blusters, 7 Later, 8

Opener, 10 Ocular, 13 Matador, 15 Acts, 17 Pestles, 18 Problem, 20 Onus, 21 Located, 28 Tirade, 27 Interned, 26 Extra, 29 Endanger.

Down—1 Gloom, 2 Stout, 3

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